

CURRICULUM VITAE



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Aiming For?

Contributing to Nation Building as pay back for nearly 40 years of faith reposed, opportunities bestowed and experience gained in the revered Indian Armed Forces by participating in an advisory, consultative or executive capacity with Ministerial/ Governmental/ Educational bodies in fields of expertise elucidated below.

Raison d'être

Passion & Emotionality

- To analyse, dissect and delve into vexing *strategic* issues concerned with the three primary National Security concerns; *China, Pakistan and rise of Terrorism*.
- Exploit past experience of in-depth studies, practical ground-based operations and exhaustive analysis carried out over four decades of being a scholar-warrior to *suggest/ evolve long-term measures* to counter above National Security concerns.
- Contribute positively in the fields of *Human Resource Management, Training and Information Technology* based on experience of being the apex decision-maker on these issues for the Indian army for the last two years in service.

Exclusive Credentials

- *Research fellowship of two years* on Indo-China relations with a detailed research on the boundary issue at Jawahar Lal Nehru University and the Institution of Chinese Studies, New Delhi.
- *Anchoring classified research papers* on security related aspects of Indo-China relations, Indo-Pak imbroglio and Terrorist threat in the Indian sub-continent.
- Extensive participation in *seminars, lectures and study groups* on Indo-China Border Issue, Jammu & Kashmir and Counter Terrorism.

- Attended courses, seminars and conferences at National Defence University, *Washington* (South Asia Strategic Studies), National Defence University, *Taiwan* (PLA and PRC).
- Distinction in Chinese Language course at National Defence Academy, M Sc (Chennai University) followed by an M Phil (DAVV University, Indore) in Defence Studies and a *second M Phil (Chennai University)*, with focussed research on Rise of China, while attending the prestigious National Defence College.
- Currently pursuing PhD (Chennai University) on *Smart Power for National security*.

Specialist Know-How (Experience): China

- As a Colonel, heading the China Section, at the Military Operations Directorate (Dir MO 1) at Integrated Headquarters of the Ministry of Defence (Army) for over three years and coming back a few years later as a Major General in a directional capacity (ADG MO (A)) to oversee all military operations on the Northern (China), Western (Pakistan) and Internal (Counter Terrorism) front.
- Member of the *Expert Group and Joint Working Group and the annual dialogue* with China on resolving the *vexed Indo-China boundary/ LAC issues*.
- *Seven official visits to mainland China* to discuss the boundary/ LAC issues, once as head of delegation.
- *Chief of Army Staff's Commendation* for contributing effectively to the dialogues aimed at finding interim/ long term solutions to this potential flashpoint between two nuclear neighbours.

Specialist Know-How (Experience): Pakistan, Jammu & Kashmir & Counter Terrorism

- Infantry Company Commander in insurgency/ terrorist infected North-East, Sri Lanka (IPKF) and Jammu and Kashmir.
- As a *Brigadier* commanding an operational brigade in Jammu & Kashmir and later serving as key staff in the Corps Headquarters at Srinagar *coordinating and directing all major operations in the Kashmir Valley, interacting with media and managing local dynamics* in a sensitive and volatile environment.
- As a *Major General* commanding the *most active Counter Insurgency Force* in a tense and explosive area in Jammu & Kashmir (2010/11).
- As a *Lieutenant General* commanding the *largest and operationally most active Corps at Srinagar* in a challenging period (2013/14).

- *Two visits to Pakistan and Myanmar to discuss Defence related issues with specific focus on Siachen dispute (Pakistan).*

Specialist Know-How (Experience): Information Technology, Human Resource Management & Training

- *As the Adjutant General of Indian Army (2014) looking after Human Resource Management to include manpower policy and planning, recruitment, selection, motivation, morale, health, discipline, vigilance, legal issues, welfare, resettlement, ex-servicemen issues and honours and awards for the Army to include defence civilian employees.*
- *As the Deputy Chief of Army Staff (2015) directing all United Nation deployments, military training, staff duties and military communication matters, overseeing implementation of information technology and systems pan Army and administration of Rashtriya Rifles, the major counter-terrorism force deployed in Jammu and Kashmir.*

Glimpses of Rarity

- *Contributions while in uniform acknowledged by the media & internet power houses of the Info Age.*
- *Extensive media interaction initially as the Brigadier General staff and later as the Corps Commander of the most operationally active Corps of Indian Army headquartered at Srinagar.*
- *Four Presidential Awards and two Commendations by the Chief of Army Staff for contributions made both during operations and staff duties at various headquarters.*
- *Besides the seven exposures to China and two to Pakistan, member of delegations to Vietnam, Maldives, Greece and Australia to discuss defence related issues.*